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Art Unit: 1733

Applicant: Ouederni/Latten

Serial No: 10/721,964

Filed: November 25, 2003

Title: AIR LAID WEB WITH HOLLOW SYNTHETIC FIBERS

Charlotte, North Carolina  
April 30, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Please deliver to Paul Shanoski, c/o The Office of Petitions

Dear Sir:

**RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37.C.F.R §1.47 (a)**

This is in response to the Decision on Petition dated March 8, 2004 from the Office of Petitions.

In the decision, Mr. Shanoski determined that the petitioner had met requirements necessary under 37 C.F.R. §1.47 (a) with the exception that no details of a search had been provided, and it appears that no search was undertaken. Although a search was undertaken at the time, it was felt that Mr. Shanoski would not accept a stale search and therefore two additional affidavits have been submitted herewith, namely the affidavit of Geoffrey R. Scantlebury and the affidavit of Gregory N. Clements, the undersigned.

At the time co-inventor Mabrouk Ouederni left the company, he clearly stated that he did not have a forwarding address in Tunisia. In the interim, none of the former co-employees have heard from him during the past several months as indicated in the affidavits. Furthermore, a package with formal papers was sent to him and this package was returned by the post office stating that there was no forwarding address ("see the track and confirm" of the U. S. Postal Service, which states that the item was returned to sender on April 15, 2004 because the addressee was not known, and see a copy of the envelope having the certified mail return receipt requested). This evidence clearly indicates that Mabrouk Ouederni cannot be reached by conventional post in the United States and that no one, including the U. S. Postal Service, has a forwarding address.

**Attempted Contact by Email**

Mr. Alan Hastie was initially able to send an email to Mabrouk Ouederni within a day or so of his departure from the company, however, later all such email attempts are returned as being sent to a non-member (see the affidavit of Geoffrey R. Scantlebury).

**Attempted Contact by Phone**

A telephone call was to Mabrouk Ouederni's last known telephone number at the Mock Orange Drive address was also made by the undersigned and this number is no longer in service and has been disconnected (see the affidavit of Gregory N. Clements).

**Attempted Contact via Internet**

Furthermore, Internet attempts were made to find Mabrouk by the undersigned. His last name, a common last name in Tunisia was typed into the Internet. Although many persons with that last name were developed as a result of the search, not one hit was related to Mabrouk (see affidavit of Gregory N. Clements).

With the additional affidavits of Geoffrey R. Scantlebury and Gregory N. Clements, it is believed that all reasonable attempts have been made to contact Mr. Ouederni. No one has had success.

In view of the unavailability of Mabrouk Ouederni to execute the papers required to file the present patent application, co-inventor Paul Latten is believed to be entitled to make such application on behalf of and as agent for co-inventor Mabrouk Ouederni. Such is earnestly solicited.

If any additional fees are due and owing, please bill our deposit account number 04-1448. A copy of this Renewed Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

DOUGHERTY, CLEMENTS & HOFER



The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature consists of the first name "Gregory" and the last name "Clements" joined together in a fluid, cursive style. Below the signature, the full name "Gregory N. Clements" is printed in a smaller, more formal font.

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## **AFFIDAVIT OF GEOFFREY R. SCANTLEBURY**

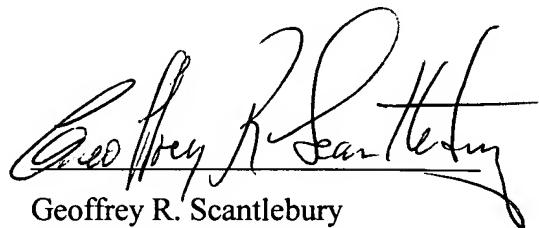
Geoffrey R. Scantlebury, being duly sworn, and having personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, hereby deposes and says that:

1. I am an employee of Arteva, the former employer of the co-inventor Mabrouk Ouerderni of the invention disclosed and claimed in the U.S. Patent Application 09/896,799 filed on June 29, 2001, and entitled "DRY-LAID WEB WITH HOLLOW SYNTHETIC FIBERS," the Continuation-in-Part Application 10/345,001 filed January 15, 2003, and the presently filed Continuation-in-Part Application (hereinafter referred to as the "patent application").
2. Arteva North America S.à.r.l. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Country of Luxembourg established at Talstrasse 80, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland, having an office at 5401 Charlotte Park Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina 28217.
3. Efforts involving employees of Arteva resulted in the invention disclosed and claimed in the patent application. After the present invention was completed, a patent application was prepared on behalf of Arteva.
4. The patent application and Declaration and Power of Attorney documents were submitted to each inventor for review and signature. Both the Declaration and Power of Attorney documents for originally filed application were signed by all co-inventors. The CIP application filed on January 15, 2003 was also signed by all of the co-inventors.
5. On August 2, 2003 Mabrouk Ouederni terminated his employment with Arteva, Inc., and later relocated to his native country of Tunisia, leaving no forwarding address or correspondence at which he could be reached. His present whereabouts are unknown. I have personally sent Mabrouk an email message at

the last known email address I (and others) had for him and I received a reply that the email address was no longer valid. I also personally know that another engineer – Alan Hastie an employee of Arteva had sent him an email and received no reply from Mabrouk. I also know that Arteva sent Mabrouk a W-2 in early January 2004 through the mail. This was not returned to Arteva. However, it is clear that Mabrouk is no longer readily available. There is no reasonable method to reach Mabrouk Ouederni that would likely result in contact with the inventor.

6. Mr. Ouederni has acknowledged his inventorship of the present invention in the previously filed patent applications filed on behalf of Arteva, Inc. from which the current CIP application claims priority.
7. Since Mr. Ouederni has acknowledged his inventorship in the previous patent applications from which the current CIP claims priority, but he cannot be reasonably located to join in the patent application, it has been necessary to file this application with the signature of only one inventor in order to protect Arteva's legitimate rights in the United States and in foreign countries and to prevent irreparable damage to Arteva.

This the 27 day of April, 2004.



Geoffrey R. Scantlebury

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2004.



Notary Public

My Commission expires August 26, 2006

## **AFFIDAVIT OF GREG CLEMENTS**

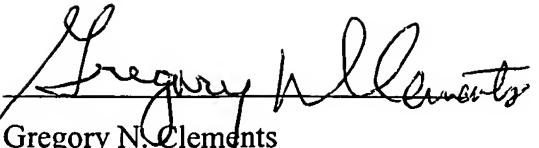
Gregory N. Clements, being duly sworn, and having personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein, hereby deposes and says that:

1. I am an attorney and managing partner in the firm of Dougherty, Clements & Hofer located in Charlotte, NC. Arteva is my client and I have done Intellectual Property work on their behalf for many years. Arteva is the former employer of the co-inventor Mabrouk Ouederni of the invention disclosed and claimed in the U.S. Patent Application 09/896,799 filed on June 29, 2001, and entitled "DRY-LAID WEB WITH HOLLOW SYNTHETIC FIBERS," the Continuation-in-Part Application 10/345,001 filed January 15, 2003, and the presently filed Continuation-in-Part Application (hereinafter referred to as the "patent application").
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3. Efforts involving employees of Arteva resulted in the invention disclosed and claimed in the patent application. After the present invention was completed, a patent application was prepared on behalf of Arteva by me and other members of my firm.
4. The patent application and Declaration and Power of Attorney documents were submitted to each inventor for review and signature. All co-inventors signed both the Declaration and Power of Attorney documents for originally filed application. The CIP application filed on January 15, 2003 was also signed by all

of the co-inventors.

5. On August 2, 2003, Mabrouk Ouederni terminated his employment with Arteva and later relocated to his native country of Tunisia, leaving no forwarding address or correspondence at which he could be reached. His present whereabouts are unknown.
6. I personally had the formal papers prepared for the above identified application and forwarded on April 8, 2004 to the last known address of Mabrouk Ouederni at 6352 Mock Orange Drive, Charlotte, NC 28277, return receipt requested. This package was returned by the post office on or about April 20, 2004 as undeliverable – unable to forward. On April 25, 2004 I went on the internet and search for all references to Ouederni. This is a common last name in Tunisia. Upon reviewing each and every “hit” I concluded not one hit was related to Mabrouk. Further, I tried to call Mabrouk at his last known telephone number (704) 544-3352 and learned that the number is no longer in service and has been disconnected. There is no reasonable method to reach Mabrouk Ouederni that would likely result in contact with the inventor.
7. Mr. Ouederni has acknowledged his inventorship of the present invention in the previously filed patent applications filed on behalf of Arteva, Inc. from which the current CIP application claims priority.
8. Since Mr. Ouederni has acknowledged his inventorship in the previous patent applications from which the current CIP claims priority, but he cannot be reasonably located to join in the patent application, it has been necessary to file this application with the signature of only one inventor in order to protect Arteva’s legitimate rights in the United States and in foreign countries and to prevent irreparable damage to Arteva.

This the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2004.

  
Gregory N. Clements

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2004.



Notary Public

My Commission expires Aug'st 26, 2006

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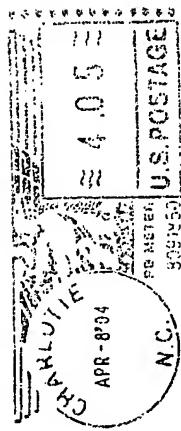
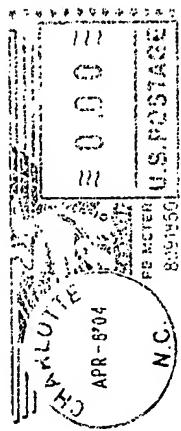
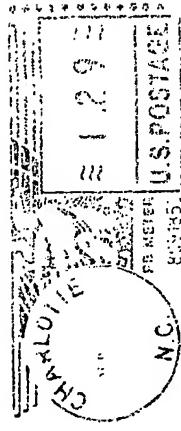
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Charlotte, NC 28211 USA

To: Mr. Mabrouk Ouederni  
6352 Mock Orange Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28277

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